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Subject: Dear Colleagues - STD Treatment Guidelines, 2006

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A video podcast of CDC's Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines, 2006 is currently available on the CDC podcast portal <http://www2a.cdc.gov/podcasts/>. This podcast, the first video podcast in CDC history, was developed for physicians and other health care providers. It is a brief interview with Dr. Kimberly Workowski and me on some of the highlights in the updated Guidelines.

CDC's STD Treatment Guidelines is used by health care workers worldwide to help them in the prevention and treatment of STDs, and this video podcast is another way to reemphasize the document's importance. An estimated 19 million STD infections occur annually in the United States and can cause serious health problems, such as infertility, adverse outcomes of pregnancy, increased risk of HIV infection and STD-related cancers. STD infections also disproportionately affect young people and racial and ethnic minority populations.

Please listen and/or view the podcast and share it broadly with other health care professionals.

Sincerely,

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